

BID ON BATTLESHIPS

Secretary of Navy Receives Tenders for \$50,000,000 Worth of Work.

SIX CRUISERS AND FIVE BATTLESHIPS

Eight Concerns on Atlantic and Pacific Coasts Lager for a Chance.

OLD ESTABLISHMENTS HAVE COMPETITION

Outlook for a Massachusetts Construction Company is Favorable.

FIGURES ARE REGARDED AS REASONABLE

Navy Department Well Pleas'd with the Responses, Characterizing the Event as the Greatest in Industrial History.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Never since the birth of the navy bill has there been such a gathering of shipbuilders and metal kings as were assembled in the office of the secretary of the navy today to witness the opening of bids for an amount of naval construction, which Secretary Long denominated as the greatest industrial event this or any other country has ever seen.

There were eight bidders and most of the bids were well within the limit of cost allowed by congress for the ships. The notable feature was the attempt on the part of the younger and smaller concerns to break the line of the old organizations, which constructed all the great vessels of the navy up to this time.

While it is not possible at this moment to forecast the results accurately, there are indications that in at least one instance and perhaps two instances, the bids will be attended with some degree of success, for it looks as though some of the work will be bestowed upon the Fall River company, which appears for the first time as a bidder for constructing armored ships.

Because of changes made in the specifications of which is to reduce considerably the equipment of the ships, it is not possible yet to tell which of the bids are actually the lowest.

Armored cruisers: Union Iron works, San Francisco: One sheathed and coppered, \$3,800,000; one without sheathing, \$3,200,000; making two at \$7,000,000.

William Cramp & Sons, Philadelphia: One sheathed but uncoppered, \$3,800,000; one uncoppered, \$3,200,000.

Newport News Shipbuilding company: One sheathed and coppered, \$3,800,000; one without sheathing, \$3,200,000; making two at \$7,000,000.

Moran Bros. & Co., Seattle, Wash.: One sheathed and coppered, \$4,122,000; or two at \$8,244,000 each; one without sheathing, \$3,263,000; or two at \$6,526,000.

Fall River Shipbuilding and Locomotive works, Quincy, Mass.: One sheathed and coppered, \$3,275,000; one without sheathing, one for \$3,800,000, or two at \$7,600,000 each.

John Dialogue & Son: One sheathed and coppered, \$4,400,000; one without sheathing, \$3,800,000; making two at \$8,200,000.

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Eleven Vessels to Be Built.

Bids were opened for the construction of the five new battleships and six armored cruisers, aggregating a total displacement of 154,000 tons, and comprising the largest construction of material for the navy ever contracted for at a single bidding.

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